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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/JP00/04567  
International Filing Date: July 10, 2000  
Priority Date Claimed: July 9, 1999  
Title of Invention: PRODUCTION METHOD FOR POROUS METAL BODY  
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Hideo Nakajima

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
4. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
  - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) (X) a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
  - d) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
5. (X) A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
6. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
  - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
7. (X) **SIGNED** Declaration and Power of Attorney the inventor (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
8. (X) A translation of the annexes, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34, to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).
9. (X) A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
10. (X) A Request for Approval of Drawing Changes in two (2) pages with figure 4, 6, 7, 14, 16 and 19 drawings marked change in red.
11. (X) International Search Report.
12. (X) PCT Request Form.

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13. (X) Drawing in twenty-seven (27) pages.
14. (X) Verification of translation.
15. (X) International Application as published -face sheet only.
16. (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
17. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
18. (X) The following fees are submitted:

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<b>BASIC FEE</b>				\$890
<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA</b>	<b>RATE</b>	
Total Claims	4 - 20 =	0 ×	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 ×	\$84	\$0
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>				\$890
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (if applicable).				\$445
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>				\$445

19. (X) A check in the amount of \$445.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
20. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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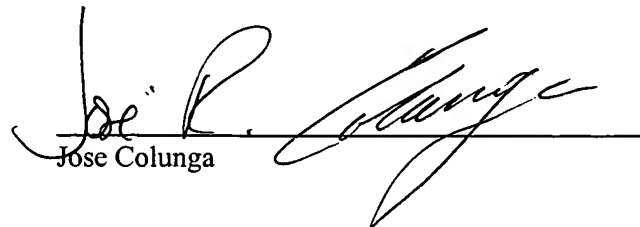
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Transmittal sheet; English Translation of the Application in 39 pages; Drawing in 27 pages; English Translation of the Amendment in 4 pages; Preliminary Amendment in 10 pages; Request for Approval of Drawing Changes in 2 pages with figure 4, 6, 7, 14, 16 and 19 drawings marked change in red; **SIGNED** Declaration and Power of Attorney in 2 pages; International Search Report; PCT Form PCT/IB/308; PCT Request Forms; Verification of translation; International Application as Published/face sheet only; \$445.00 Checks for Filing Fees; Return Prepaid Postcard .

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